

As a devoted fan of Northwestern athletics, Henry Bienen was proud of the accomplishments of the school's student-athletes. During his tenure, 17 athletic teams won Big Ten championships, including three in football and an unprecedented nine straight in women's tennis. In addition, Northwestern captured five straight NCAA national championships in women's lacrosse and Northwestern's football team went to five post-season bowl games.

I rise today, Madam Speaker, to commend the dedication, service, and indelible legacy of Henry Bienen as he retires as president of Northwestern University. I am proud to have such an exemplary model of a devoted academic and leader as a friend. I wish Henry Bienen great success in his future endeavors.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JIM MONIGOLD FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION III STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Jim Monigold showed hard work and dedication to the sport of baseball; and

Whereas, Jim Monigold was a supportive coach; and

Whereas, Jim Monigold always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the field; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Jim Monigold on winning the Boys' Division III State Baseball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 baseball season.

RECOGNIZING THE PEA ISLAND LIFE-SAVING STATION

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise to remind my colleagues about the rich history of Pea Island, North Carolina.

On January 24, 1880, Captain Richard Etheridge became the first African-American to command a United States Life-Saving Service station after being appointed as keeper of the Pea Island Life-Saving Station. At the time, Captain Etheridge was one of only eight African Americans in the entire Life-Saving Service. Because of his skill and expertise, he was promoted from the lowest rank at the neighboring Bodie Island station to take over the incompetently run station at Pea Island.

In order to avoid repeating the previous failures at the Pea Island station, Captain Etheridge developed and implemented rigorous lifesaving drills. Under his leadership and direction, the station earned a reputation as the best on the east coast. Captain Etheridge became renowned as one of the most able, prepared, innovative, courageous and resourceful lifesavers in the Service.

On October 11, 1896, Captain Etheridge and his alert Life-Saving Service crew at Pea Island station were put to the test when the E.S. Newman ran aground nearby during a hurricane. Despite the raging storm and enormous waves, the surfmen succeeded in swimming to the ship and heaving a line aboard. Starting with the ship captain's three-year-old son, all nine people aboard the schooner were rescued one by one.

On February 29, 1992, the Coast Guard Cutter Pea Island was commissioned at Norfolk, Virginia, in memory of the African American crews at Pea Island, including Captain Etheridge and his lifesavers. And in 1996, Coast Guard Rear Admiral Stephen W. Rochon successfully spearheaded the effort to award the Gold Lifesaving Medal in recognition of the daring 1896 rescue.

Captain Etheridge served at Pea Island for twenty years. In January 1900, he fell ill and died at the station. Pea Island continued to be manned by all-black crews through the Second World War. The station was decommissioned in 1947, and, in 1949, turned over to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service to be used in connection with the Pea Island Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

Today, Pea Island provides nesting habitat for loggerhead sea turtles, piping plover and other shorebirds. Despite its small size, the refuge receives over 2.5 million visitors annually.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and applauding the brave efforts of the life-saving crews on Pea Island.

HONORING WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY'S "PRIDE OF THE MOUNTAINS" MARCHING BAND FOR RECEIVING THE SUDLER TROPHY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize the outstanding success of "Pride of the Mountains," the Western Carolina University Marching Band. This outstanding marching band, led by director Robert Buckner, has been awarded the 2009 Sudler Trophy. This prestigious award, made possible by the John Philip Sousa Foundation, is a world-class mark of distinction for college marching bands.

The Sudler Trophy is awarded biannually to collegiate marching bands and their directors who raise the bar for college marching bands across America. This year, the Sousa Foundation has recognized Mr. Buckner and "Pride of the Mountains" for their exciting and artistically outstanding performances. I believe that this national recognition of their dedication to excellence will inspire other college musicians to follow in their path.

Marching bands motivate our sports teams and their fans on the field, and "Pride of the Mountains," has been energizing Western Carolina University's students and football team since 1938. "Pride of the Mountains" is indeed a source of pride not only for Western Carolina University, but for everyone in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Western Carolina University's "Pride of the Mountains."

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT GOULD

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Robert Gould, who will retire from the United States Army on 1 February 2010.

America has long been called the land of opportunity, and the United States Army has served as the launching pad for many young men and women to reach the highest of heights. Rob Gould enlisted in the U.S. Army in April 1984 to commence a military career that would span nearly 26 years. As an enlisted man, Rob completed the requisite school and was awarded the military occupation skill of Chaparral Air Defense Missile Crewman. He served 42 months in the enlisted ranks and achieved the rank of Sergeant before being selected for the Army's officer commissioning program, Green to Gold.

Lieutenant Colonel Gould earned his commission as an Army officer through Army's ROTC program at the University of Arkansas. As a cadet, he was awarded the Chancellor's Trophy in recognition of his selection as Outstanding Cadet of the Year. Following commissioning, Lieutenant Colonel Gould entered flight school and finished second in his class.

As an aviator, Rob proudly served his country wherever duty called. He deployed in support of operations in Somalia, and during his company command, he moved his 122 man troop from Fort Bragg, NC to Fort Polk, LA and later deployed in support of Operation Joint Guard in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Gould subsequently joined the Army's Acquisition Corps and earned an advanced degree at the Florida Institute of Technology. As a member of the Acquisition Corps, Lieutenant Colonel Gould completed assignments at the Army Logistics Management College and the Defense Contract Management Agency. He supported Operations Iraqi Freedom during two tours to Amman, Jordan and Baghdad, Iraq, where he served as the DCMA Officer in Charge for the International Zone.

Nearly twenty-six years of service to our country, ascension from the enlisted ranks to a field grade officer, and excellence in flying and buying for the Army demonstrate that this soldier has been, and always will be, Army Strong!

The lasting legacy Lieutenant Colonel Robert Gould has blazed over the years will be the impact on the men and women he served with and that of his family. This successful journey could not have been completed without the support of his loving wife, Cheryl, and his children, Jessica, Janna and Wesley. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, the citizens of the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia, and the citizens of a grateful Nation, congratulations on your well-deserved retirement, and thank you for your service to our country.